



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: WHONCHEE LEE ET AL.

APPLICATION No.: 09/888,002

FILED: JUNE 21, 2001

FOR: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
ELECTRICALLY AND/OR CHEMICALLY-
MECHANICALLY REMOVING
CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL FROM A
MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATE**

EXAMINER: DUNG V. NGUYEN

ART UNIT: 3723

CONF. No: 9049

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed July 10, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 1-35 and 108-123. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner in the Notices of Allowability mailed June 13, 2003 and September 29, 2004, and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,
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